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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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Four Time Grammy-Nominated Cajun Band Plays Happy Days

Brecksville, Ohio – The enormously talented and energetic Cajun band, *Pine Leaf Boys* takes to the stage at Happy Days Lodge as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2012 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The group's performance is presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrating the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Courtyard Marriott of Akron/Stow, 89.7 WKSU, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, Cable 9 Television, and Time Warner Cable.

Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12.

The four-time Grammy-nominated, world-renown *Pine Leaf Boys* present their own inimitable brand of Cajun music with youthful exuberance. Hailing from the southwest Louisiana, the *Pine Leaf Boys* are described in the *New York Times* as, "the best new, energetic, and fun Cajun band in a very long time." The group plays the old-fashioned dance hall standards while making a priority to bring many of the more obscure songs of past masters into its repertoire and play them with gusto.

Pine Leaf Boys members include Wilson Savoy (accordion and vocals), Courtney Granger (fiddle and vocals), Jon Bertrand (guitar), Drew Simon (drums and vocals), and Thomas David (bass).

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call the Conservancy at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

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The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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